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<p>(54) Title: ELECTROLUMINESCENT ILLUMINATION SYSTEM AND A FLAT-PANEL PICTURE DISPLAY DEVICE PROVIDED WITH SUCH A SYSTEM</p> <div data-bbox="354 1213 1279 1591"></div> <p>(57) Abstract Illumination system (1) having an active layer (3) which comprises an electroluminescent material. The layer (3) is present between an optically transparent electrode layer (5) and a reflective electrode layer (7). A reflective polarizer (11) is present at a side (9) of the transparent electrode layer (7) facing away from the active layer (3). The invention also relates to a flat-panel picture display device (17) provided with such an illumination system (1).</p>		